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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.:	Applicant(s)	
	10/718,321	BAILLY ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Yunsoo Kim	1644	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 June 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-9, 11 and 23-41 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 2, 3, 8, 9, 24, 25, 27, 28, 31, 32, 35, 36, 39 and 40 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1, 4-7, 11, 23, 26, 29, 30, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Detailed Action

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

2. Claims 1-9, 11 and 23-41 are pending.

3. Applicant's Remark filed on 6/14/05 has been entered.

The new matter rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 1st paragraph (see sections 4-5, of Action mailed 5/26/05) is withdrawn.

4. Applicant is invited to correct the following informalities in the specification.

[0001] – correct status of pending applications is required (insertion of “now abandoned” for example).

[0030] – the brief description of figures should assign appropriate SEQ ID NOs or appropriate residues of SEQ ID NO: 6

[0053] – new ATCC address is required.

[0084] – said SEQ ID NO:1 in the paragraph does not match with the given SEQ ID NO:1 of sequence list, appropriate residues of SEQ ID NO: 1 should be indicated.

5. The following new ground of rejections is necessitated by applicant's amendment and addition of new claims filed on 4/13/05.

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1, 4-7, 11, 23, 26, 29-30, 33-34, 37-38 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Feigelstock et al. (IDS ref AE) as is evidenced by Thompson et al. (Journal of Virology, 1998 vol. 72 No.5, pp.3751-3761).

Feigelstock et al. teaches polyclonal antibodies to mucin-like region of havcr-1 fused to the GST (p.6622 Antisera, p.6624 Fig 3). As is referenced by Feigelstock et al., the havcr-1-GST fusion construct taught by Thompson consists of GST followed by 228 amino acids of Thr/Ser/Pro rich region of havcr-1 (See Thompson et al. under Antisera, p. 3752-3753 overlapping paragraph). The region where polyclonal antibodies made is from amino acid ranges 142-370 of Fig 3 of Feigelstock reference. As the term "overlapping" extends the range of epitope, where it shows the highest homology the amino acid sequences from 325-361 would be able to cross-react with the epitope within or overlapping the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1. Thus reference teachings anticipate the claimed invention.

8. Claims 2, 3, 8, 9, 24-25, 27-28, 31-32, 35-36, 39, and 40 are allowable.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yunsoo Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-3176. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 8:30 - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached on 571-272-0841. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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